Supply of Water for Cotton grown under T.B.P. High Level Canal

768. SRI B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it s a fact that 3 waterrings were given for the benefit of ryots growing cotton under Tungabhadra Project High Level Canal during last year ;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to take necessary steps to make it a permanent feature as the above proposal has been beneficial to the ryots ;

(*c*) the quantity of water requested for giving these 3 watering to ryots under Tungabhadra Project High Level Canal ;

(*d*) whether it is not possible to provide this water from the share of our State ; if not, the reasons ;

(*e*) whether it is not possible to provide this water out of savings from our share of water in Low Level Canal and other Canals ?

SRI SUBHASH ASTHURE (Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This proposal has to be examined in detail.

(*c*) The quantity depends on the area under cultivation.

(*d*) and (*e*) The entire proposal requires detailed examination.

Scarcity of Foodgrains in S. K. District

514. SRI JAYAPRAKASH SHETTY (Brahmavar).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware of the acute scarcity of food grains, mainly of rice, in South Kanara District ;

(*b*) if so, the action the Government has taken in this regard ;

(*c*) the reasons for rise in price of rice and other essential commodities in South Kanara District ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) There is no acute shortage of foodgrains in South Kanara.

(*b*) While there is no acute shortage of foodgrains in this district, certain measures have been taken to prevent sudden shortages or distribution difficulties. These includes the allotments of foodgrains and permitting of transport of grain into the district.

(*c*) This is general phenomena throughout the State as well as in he Country.